

**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION DIVERSITY CALENDAR – 2005**

Month	Event/Celebration
January	1 – New Year's Day (International)
	1 – Emancipation Day (U.S.) Commemorates President Abraham Lincoln's 1863 signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.
	1 – Shogatsu (Japan) The most significant event in Japan. Good health and fortune are wished for on this day.
	17 – Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (U.S.) Recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, birthday.
February	African-American History Month (U.S.) Raises awareness of the contributions African-Americans have made to the U.S. society and history.
	9 – Lunar New Year (International)
	9 – Tet (lunar New Year) (Vietnam)
	19 – Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week Promotes justice, understanding and cooperation among Christians and Jews as well as tolerance of all faiths.

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March	Irish-American Heritage Month (U.S.) Celebrates the contributions of Irish-Americans.
	Women's History Month (U.S.) Recognizes and celebrates the historic accomplishments of women.
	21 – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (U.N.) Observed by the United Nations (U.N.) as part of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. This day remembers the killing of 69 South African protesters in 1960.
April	1 – All Fool's Day (International)
May	Asian-Pacific Heritage Month (U.S.) Recognizes and celebrates the rich legacy Asian-Pacific Americans have given to this country.
	Older Americans Month (U.S.) Recognizes the contributions of older Americans in addition to the wisdom, strength and compassion they instill in their families and communities.
	5 – Cinco de Mayo (Mexico) Celebrates the victory over French troops in the Battle of Puebla in 1862.
	10 – Palestinian Culture Day (Santa Clara County) Celebrates Palestinian-American Heritage.
	30 – Memorial Day (U.S.) A day to remember U.S. heroes and those who have died.

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June	Gay and Lesbian Pride Month (U.S.) Nationally proclaimed month to celebrate gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender pride.
	19 – Juneteenth (U.S.) Commemorates the arrival of union troops in Texas in June 1865 and the freeing of slaves who had not been told of the Emancipation Proclamation.
July	4 – Independence Day (U.S.) Marks when the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.
	16-17 Mountain View Obon Festival (Japan, U.S.) Lanterns are lit for the dead revisiting the earth.
	26 – Anniversary of the Signing of the ADA (U.S.) Celebrates the 1990 signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
August	Diversity Appreciation Month (U.S.) Celebrates the diversity each of us brings to our workplace, school and community.

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September	Hispanic Heritage Month (U.S.) Celebrates the contributions and achievements of the diverse cultures within the Hispanic community.
	Healthy Aging Month (U.S.) Observed to focus national attention on the positive aspects of growing older.
	17 – Citizenship Day (U.S.) Honors the more than 100,000 people from other countries who become U.S. citizens each year.
	Deaf Awareness Week (U.S.) Celebrates the culture, heritage and language unique to deaf people of the world.
October	Disability Employment Awareness Month (U.S.) Recognizes the potential for America's 30 million working-age people with disabilities.
	Breast Cancer Awareness Month (U.S.) Dedicated to increasing awareness of the importance of early detection of breast cancer.
	Diversity Awareness Month (U.S.) Specific time of the year for all schools, businesses and governmental agencies to explore our country's diversity and all the benefits derived from a pluralistic society.
	Gay and Lesbian History Month (U.S.) Educates the public about gay and lesbian historical figures and events.
	15 – White Cane Day (U.S.) Publicizes the needs of the blind and visually impaired.
November	American Indian Heritage Month (U.S.) Recognizes the great influence American Indians have had on the history, cultural development and continuing growth of the United States.

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December	1 – World AIDS Day (U.N.) Designated by the U.N. World Health Organization to increase awareness and education about AIDS.
	1 – Rosa Parks Day (U.S.) Commemorates the arrest of Rosa Parks for defying segregation by refusing to give up her seat on the bus for a white passenger.
	3 – International Day of Disabled Persons (U.N.) Promotes the continuing integration of disabled persons into general society.
	10 – Human Rights Day (U.N.) Commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 by the United Nations.
	26 – Kwanzaa (U.S.) The seven-day celebration to honor Americans of African ancestry.

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